

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 799
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Buck Graham of Fayette County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Buck Graham; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Graham was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a brave and heroic individual, Buck Graham served for three years in the United States Army during World War II, seeing action in the European Theater with the Seventh Armored Division under the command of General George Patton, and received four Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, after a triumphant return to Fayette County in 1945, Mr. Graham was elected Sheriff in 1948; he later served as Tax Assessor before being elected as Fayette County Clerk, a post he held until his retirement in 1978. His willingness to serve the people of his community was unwavering and, when elected to the position of Fayette County Commissioner 1978, he answered the call with dignity and aplomb; and

WHEREAS, a generous man who shared his garden harvest with his neighbors, Buck Graham enjoyed the pleasures found in bird hunting and bird dogs for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Graham was an active and devout member of the Somerville First Presbyterian church, which he served faithfully for many years as an Elder; and was a lifetime member of Fayette County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Graham was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Buck Graham enjoyed the loving companionship of Leona Diffie Graham and was the proud father of Rose Graham Posey and Danny Graham; he will be sorely missed by his brother, Pete Graham, his six grandchildren, and his two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Buck Graham leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Buck Graham, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Graham.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.